

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of selling products online by a plurality
of stores based on a product catalog that comprises
information on a plurality of products, the method
5 comprising:

managing information regarding non-sellable products
for each store, the non-sellable product being a product
that cannot be sold at that particular store; and

10 when a purchaser selects a non-sellable product from
the catalog of one store, introducing the purchaser to
another store in which the product selected by the purchaser
is a sellable product.

15 2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising
updating the information regarding the non-sellable
products for each store using selection of a product from
the catalog by the purchaser as a trigger.

20 3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising
managing information regarding stock shortage products for
each store, the stock shortage product being a product that
is out of stock in one particular store but that is available
in another store,

25 wherein the purchaser is introducing to the another
store based on the information regarding the stock shortage

products.

4. The method according to claim 3, further comprising
5 updating the information regarding the stock shortage
products for each store using selection of a product from
the catalog by the purchaser as a trigger.

5. The method according to claim 1, further comprising
payment of fee by the another store to which the purchaser
10 has been introduced to the store from whose catalog the
purchaser has selected the non-sellable product.

6. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
placing an order for the non-sellable product that
15 has been selected by the purchaser to a manufacturer; and
selecting one step out of the step of placing the order
to the manufacturer and the step of introducing the purchaser
to another store.

20 7. A method of selling products online by a plurality
of stores based on a product catalog that comprises
information on a plurality of products, the method
comprising:

managing information regarding non-sellable
25 products for each store, the non-sellable product being a

product that cannot be sold at that particular store; and

when a purchaser selects a non-sellable product from
the catalog of one store, performing a shipment processing
of shipping the product selected by the purchaser from
another store in which the product selected by the purchaser
is a sellable product.

8. The method according to claim 7, comprising managing
information regarding stock shortage products for each store,
the stock shortage product being a product that is out of
stock in one particular store but that is available in another
store,

wherein the product is shipped from the another store
based on the information regarding the stock shortage
products.

9. A computer program containing instruction for
executing a method of selling products online by a plurality
of stores based on a product catalog that comprises
information on a plurality of products, the computer program
enabling a computer to function as:

a management unit which manages information regarding
non-sellable products for each store, the non-sellable
product being a product that cannot be sold at that particular
store; and

an introduction unit which, when a purchaser selects a non-sellable product from the catalog of one store, introduces the purchaser to another store in which the product selected by the purchaser is a sellable product.

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10. A computer program containing instruction for executing a method of selling products online by a plurality of stores based on a product catalog that comprises information on a plurality of products, the computer program
10 enabling a computer to function as:

a management unit which manages information regarding non-sellable products for each store, the non-sellable product being a product that cannot be sold at that particular store; and

15 a shipment unit which, when a purchaser selects a non-sellable product from the catalog of one store, performs a shipment processing of shipping the product selected by the purchaser from another store in which the product selected by the purchaser is a sellable product.

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